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SUBJ: GUATEMALA SHIPPING DISPUTE

REF: STATE 9048, 10403

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA CALLED ME IN TODAY TO DISCUSS GUATEMALAN SHIPPING DISPUTE IN LIGHT OF MESSAGE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR LAMPORT ABOUT FMC RULING. HE TOLD ME IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION THAT, AS HE UNDERSTOOD IT, GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ISSUE ANY WAIVERS AS THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THEIR LAW. NEVERTHELESS, THE INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES WERE PREPARED TO GRANT SUCH WAIVERS AND HAD SENT MESSAGE TO FMC TO THIS EFFECT JANUARY 13. FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD ALSO BE CONTRARY TO GUATEMALAN LAW BUT COMPANIES WERE WILLING TO RISK SUCH ACTION (PRESUMABLY IN THE BELIEF THAT GOG WILL NOT PENALIZE THEM). FONMIN SAID HE HOPED THIS ACTION BY INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES WOULD SUFFICE TO MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS AND AVOID COUNTER-SANCTIONS, WHICH, HE NOTED AGAIN, WOULD HAVE HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE EFFECT HERE.

2. AFTER SHARING WITH THE FONMIN WHAT I KNEW ABOUT THE FMC

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ACTION BASED ON MESSAGES TO US, I SAID I ALSO HOPED ACTION HE DESCRIBED WOULD MEET FMC'S NEEDS. I SAID I WOULD REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY AND ASK FOR ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THIS WAS THE CASE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER INDICATED PRESIDENT LAUGERUD'S KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER NOTING THAT PRESIDENT HAD

CALLED HIM ABOUT IT FRIDAY AND THAT HE WOULD BE REPORTING TO THE PRESIDENT FURTHER THIS AFTERNOON AFTER HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER FONMIN'S ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT THAT WAIVERS BY INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES, AS REPORTEDLY COMMUNICATED TO FMC JANUARY 13, SUFFICES TO OBVIATE US SANCTIONS.
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